

MINUTES

— OF THE —

MOBILE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

— HELD WITH —

BAY MINETTE BAPTIST CHURCH,

BAY MINETTE, ALA.,

August 8th, 9th and 10th, 1895.



W. A. ALEXANDER Moderator.

E. R. QUATTLEBAUM Clerk and Treasurer.



THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

Will be held at such time and place as may be hereafter designated

BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.



MOBILE, ALA.:

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MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—FIRST SESSION.

1. The Mobile Baptist Association met in its fifteenth annual session with Bay Minette Baptist Church, Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Ala., at 2:30 p. m., August 8th, 1895, and, by kind permission, effected its organization in the Methodist Church edifice of that place.

2. In the absence of Bros. R. L. Maupin, Moderator, and D. W. McGaughy, Clerk, of last year, upon motion of T. W. Davis, W. A. Alexander and E. R. Quattlebaum were elected, respectively, Moderator and Clerk pro-tem.

3. The Moderator called the meeting to order, and requested Bro. D. R. Cooper to lead in a thirty minutes devotional service.

4. Brethren J. J. Taylor and T. W. Davis were appointed to read the Church letters.

5. The list of delegates and visitors was commenced and afterwards completed as follows :

ST. FRANCIS STREET—E. R. Quattlebaum, J. J. Taylor, H. S. Stackhouse, W. A. Alexander, W. L. Cahall, G. J. Robertson, J. H. Locke and E. O. Fowlkes.

MT. PLEASANT—J. R. Newell.

UNION—S. L. Freeland, A. B. Gaston and John Fields, Jr.

BAY MINETTE—C. J. Campbell and H. G. Stanmyres.

SHELL BANKS—H. P. Hanson.

PINE GROVE—N. M. Sumrall and Clifford Wilkins.

ZION—Robert Farnell, J. H. Bolton and R. H. Dowdle.

CITRONELLE—G. A. Coleman.

BAYOU LE BATRE—A. M. Crenshaw.

PALMETTO STREET—J. M. Hall, H. H. Shell and T. W. Davis.

BAY SHORE—Chas. Hall. Letter sent after adjournment.

BETHANY—Not represented. Letter sent to the clerk after the Association meeting.

BROOK CEDRON—Not represented—church edifice destroyed by fire.

FAIRFORD—Not represented.

SHADY GROVE—R. S. Dickin and Robert Stevens.

RED BUD—Letter asking dismission, to join Antioch Association.

VISITORS—S. W. Averett, L. L. D., President Judson Female Institute, Marion, Ala.; Rev. J. L. Skipper, Bay Minette Methodist Church; Rev. J. W. Stewart, Financial Secretary Baptists' Orphan Home, Evergreen, Ala.; J. D. Trammell, Messenger from the Elam Association.

6. Upon motion of E. R. Quattlebaum, and seconded by A. B. Gaston, a secret ballot was taken for the selection of officers for the ensuing year. It resulted in the election of W. A. Alexander, Moderator, and E. R. Quattlebaum, Clerk and Treasurer.

7. Upon motion of the Clerk, the following programme was adopted :

1. Reception of New Churches. 2. Enrollment of Visitors. 3. Appointment of Committee on Time and Place of Public Worship. 4. Report of the Executive Committee. 5. Reports from Missionaries. 6. Report on Sunday School Work. 7. Report on State and Home Missions. 8. Report on Colportage. 9. Report on Education. 10. Report on Foreign Missions. 11. Report on Woman's Work. 12. Report on Temperance, 13. Miscellaneous Business. 14. Adjournment.

8. The Moderator appointed the following committees :

FINANCE—T. W. Davis, S. L. Freeland and Robert Farnell.

TIME AND PLACE FOR MEETING AND PUBLIC WORSHIP—J. M. Hall, A. M. Thompson and H. P. Hanson.

APPORTIONMENT—The Pastors and Deacons present.

NOMINATIONS—H. H. Shell, A. B. Gaston and J. H. Bolton.

9. Reports of Committees were called for in regular order, laid over, and the subject of Temperance was taken up. This report was read as follows by W. A. Alexander, and spoken to by J. J. Taylor, H. P. Hanson and D. R. Cooper, and upon motion of A. B. Gaston, was left open for further discussion to-morrow.

10.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

The Committee can only re-iterate the reports from former committees on this subject, and endorse the efforts that have and are being made through Press and Platform to banish the curse of the age. We

submit as a report a view of the subject as presented in a Topic of the B. Y. P. U., by Henry C. Vedder, believing it will prove more effective than any thing they could say.

THE COMMITTEE.

"B. Y. P. U. Topic, July 21: The Foolishness of Intemperance—1 Cor. 6. 10.

"The verse of Scripture assigned assures us that no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God. There can be no question of the foolishness of the vice of intemperance if it makes certain the eternal banishment of its devotee from the presence of God. 'What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?' It would seem that there is nothing further to be said, that beside this all else must be weak and ineffective. But the loss of the soul is a contingency far in the future. All that can move them is some consideration that touches them in their present life and has an immediate bearing on their comfort and happiness. Even from the point of view of such, low as it is, there is convincing evidence of the foolishness of the drunkard.

"Intemperance is foolish as regards the inebriate himself. For a very small amount of physical enjoyment he barter all that makes life worth living. He reduces himself to beggary, incurs cold and hunger and disease, goes about in rags, is despised by all, when he might be well, clothed in the best, have all the comforts of life, and win the esteem of his fellows. Not in one case in ten thousand, where a man is honest and industrious and sober, is he ever reduced to that stage of poverty and discomfort in which every drunkard finds himself sooner or later. Any rational calculation of the chances of life makes the drunkard a fool of fools.

"2. Still more foolish does the drunkard seem when the circles of his conduct widen and take in others. Worse than the harm done to himself is the suffering that results to his family—the wife he has vowed to love and cherish and protect, and the children who owe their life to him. To any right-minded man, any suffering or self-denial is better than that his dear ones should feel cold or hunger or shame. But the man who becomes a drunkard not only hurts himself, but inflicts greater injury on those who should be dearer to him than his own life. Is there any folly greater than this?

"3. But the drunkard's foolishness does not stop here. He inflicts loss on the whole community. He compels the rest of us to keep a small army of policemen to look after him, and build prisons to put him in when he falls into crime under the influence of liquor. That he may drink, thousands of men are withdrawn from useful forms of production and give themselves to the making and selling of liquor, thus decreasing the productive power of the community, and making us all so much poorer. The money that the drunkard squanders for drink is lost in the same way, first to his family and next to the community. It is as literally consumed as if it were burned in the fire. Then, when he has reduced himself to poverty and wronged all of us, in sheer humanity we are compelled to provide hospitals where he may be cured of his dis-

eases, and an almshouse in which he may peacefully end his dishonored life, and finally he must be buried at our cost.

"Altogether the drunkard costs the United States an enormous sum annually. A conservative calculation of the amount spent each year for intoxicating liquors, and the taxation necessitated by drunkenness, is two billion dollars. That is a sum that would pay off our national debt twice over, and leave a surplus of \$200,000,000. It is more than three times the capital of the National banks in the United States. It is equal to the losses by fire in the United States, at the present rate, for ten years. In other words, men drink up ten times as much as fire burns up. Is there any question as to the foolishness of intemperance, when its enormous cost is considered? It is the chief source of the poverty of which men complain so bitterly.

"This is only a part of the indictment, but surely it is enough."

11. The Committee on Public Worship submitted the following, as the hours of meeting and the time for devotional exercises (8):

Association assemble at 9:30 a. m.; adjourn at 11:30 a. m. Meet at 2:30 p. m.; adjourn at 5:00 p. m. Assemble at 7:30 p. m.; adjourn at pleasure. Preaching at 7:30 at night by J. J. Taylor.

12. The Clerk read a brotherly letter received from Red Bud Church, in which our sister church requested a letter of dismissal from the Mobile Association to join the Antioch Baptist Association. Upon motion the letter was granted, and the Clerk was instructed to so write to the church.

13. After benediction by Bro. J. W. Stewart the meeting was adjourned, to meet at the New Baptist Church, nearing completion, at 9:30 a. m., Friday.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

14. The Association met pursuant to adjournment in the handsome new Bay Minette Baptist Church edifice at 9:30 a. m. Moderator Alexander in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by H. H. Shell. Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

15. Report on Temperance (10) read and approved.

16. On motion, the regular order of business was suspended, and on invitation Professor S. W. Averett, L. L. D., President of the Judson Female Institute, addressed the Association on the subject of Education, and upon the condition and merits of the Judson Institute.

17. Rev. J. W. Stewart, Financial Secretary of the Baptist Orphans' Home, Evergreen, Ala., by invitation, made a statement of the condition and urgent needs of the Orphans' Home.

18. A. B. Gaston read the following report on

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

A good live Sunday School insures good material for the future membership of any church with which it may be connected, and pastors of churches should endeavor by all means to have a Sunday school in every church in their charge. It will not add to their burdens, but lighten them, by having the co-operation and assistance of the Sunday school workers. Where churches have services but once or twice a month, a well conducted Sunday school helps to keep the interest in the religious truths taught by the ministers. Statistics, for the last two or three years, show that about sixty-five per cent. of all converts in our own denomination come from the Sunday school. When we consider that only about half of the churches have Sunday schools, we can realize that the Sunday school is an important part of church work. We do not believe that a church without a Sunday school connected with it can justly claim to be a missionary body. There should be a good Sunday school in every church, and each member of the church (as far as practicable) a member of the school, for there is no part of church work that gives greater returns for the labor expended than the Sunday school. It is a work in which all can engage either as officer, teacher or pupil. The committee which this Association appointed, at its last session, for the purpose of organizing a Sunday School Convention, have succeeded in perfecting an organization, which we believe will be of great benefit to those engaged in Sunday School work, especially to those who have only limited opportunities of studying the best methods of conducting Sunday schools. Let us have for our motto "A good live Sunday School in every Church in the Mobile Baptist Association."

A. B. GASTON, Chairman.

19. The report was spoken to by A. B. Gaston, H. P. Hanson, J. J. Taylor and J. W. Stewart.

Pending the discussion, the Association took a recess until 2:30 p. m. Benediction by Rev. J. L. Skipper.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

20. Upon convening the session was opened with devotional exercises conducted by J. M. Hall.

21. The special order (18), Sunday School Work, was

taken up, and after a discussion, participated in by H. H. Shell, S. L. Freeland E. R. Quattlebaum and D. R. Cooper, and adopted.

22. E. R. Quattlebaum read the following

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows : Our Missionaries have discharged their duties acceptably where they have worked. Bro. J. S. Lombard's time expired Jan. 1, 1895, and was not re-appointed. Bro. J. M. Hall, as Missionary and Colporteur, was discontinued after a few months services. We have now no missionary or Colportage work being done in the bounds of our Association. Appreciating the importance and urgent need of such work, we recommend that the Association take immediate steps to supply said needs. A Brother of the St. Francis Street Church kindly offered, through your Executive Committee, to donate Fifty Dollars to Rev. J. T. Bynum, if he would give Shady Grove church two services per month for one year. This offer was accepted by letter, dated June 3, 1895. That you may more fully understand what we have done, we submit, herewith, the correspondence had upon the various subjects coming before us. Respectfully Submitted,

E. R. QUATTLEBAUM, Sec.

23. In the absence of G. T. Litchfield, chairman, the Clerk read as follows, the

REPORT ON HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home and State Missions beg leave to make the following report : Our Lord and Master commands us to preach the Gospel to every creature, and, to commence at Jerusalem. Brethren, this is a very plain command ; both reasonable and just. It seems to your Committee very rational to preserve our own homes first. We have thousands around us who are daily passing into eternity without hope and without God, and can we say we have warned them, or made any effort to save them. In our City of Mobile, we, the Baptists, have only One Mission School numbering Eighty-seven members, while on Sunday evening we can see Car after Car crowded to suffocation, passing down to the public parks to witness theatrical performances, violating both the laws of God and man. It is a sad fact that we are doing all we can to help our Mission work on by giving all we can possibly raise, and yet we have not one Missionary in the entire Association. Brethren, what shall we do ? Can we as Baptists sit passive and see our fellow man go to meet his God unprepared ? May the Good Lord help us to see our error in this matter, and grant us power from on high to do our whole duty in the future. Respectfully Submitted,

GEO. T. LITCHFIELD, Chairman.

Upon motion, these two Reports were discussed jointly. They were spoken to by E. R. Quattlebaum, J. J. Taylor, D. R. Cooper, R. S. Dickin and A. B. Gaston, and both Reports were adopted.

24. Moved by D. R. Cooper, That the subject matter of selecting Missionaries and Colporteurs for the Association be left to the Executive Committee.

25. J. H. Locke, Chairman, read the following

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The grandest and best work for the Master ought certainly to have the best equipment. If the Baptists of this state expect to get their share of the harvest of souls, they must realize that an intelligent, educated and consecrated ministry will be the most potent factor in the accomplishment of that end. The Word is the Sword of the Spirit, and what a responsibility rests upon him who undertakes to wield that weapon. From the time of the School of the Prophets to the time when Paul sat at the feet of Gamaliel, careful preparation for the exposition of God's word has been demanded. The call comes to the young men to go and preach the gospel. The call comes to you and me to help them in their undertaking. What are we doing? The statistics compiled for 1893 report the collection from this Association of \$146.80 for Ministerial Education. Most of this amount was contributed by the two city churches. Within the last few years three young men have gone out from this Association to prepare themselves for the ministry. You can readily see, taking the contribution of 1893 as an average, how inadequate such an amount would be for their maintenance. Can we consistently pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into the vineyard, while we give so sparingly for their educational endowment?

Respectfully yours,

J. H. LOCKE.

The Report was discussed by J. H. Locke, W. L. Cahall, J. M. Hall and H. H. Shell, and adopted.

26. Upon motion of J. J. Taylor, the time and place for holding the next Annual Meeting of the Association was left to the discretion of the Executive Committee.

27. After benediction by H. R. Hanson the meeting was adjourned, to meet at the Methodist Church at 7:30 p. m., to hold divine services, and thereafter, at the Baptist Church, at 9:30 a. m. These services were opened with reading of the 53d chapter of Isaiah, by W. L. Cahall. The Association sermon was then preached by D. R. Cooper, from Isaiah 54-2-3.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

58. The Association convened, pursuant to adjournment, Moderator Alexander in the Chair. Devotional exercises conducted by H. P. Hanson. Minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

29. G. J. Robertson read the following:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Reports from our missionaries in foreign fields give us much to be thankful for, and ought to stimulate us to greater activity in pushing our work.

The benefits resulting from Japan's victory over China cannot be estimated. Much bitter feeling has been engendered by the war, and recent reports confirm the news that a number of the missionaries sent out by the churches of Great Britain, have been brutally murdered at Ku-Cheng. Such things show the condition of the people, and will hasten the day when China, as a nation, will be compelled to acknowledge the Christ. Her sin has found her out, and she has been humbled and made to feel her weakness, as a nation. She is crying for help, and the time is ripe for us to increase our efforts to send her the Gospel.

Our work in Italy is difficult, but substantial progress is being made. In Africa, it is progressing slowly. Several of our missionaries have died, and their places, so far as we know, have not been filled.

Letters from Mexico show great progress in many ways. Bro. Powell is now actively engaged in selling and distributing Gospels and copies of the Bible throughout Mexico, and to California.

Gradually the light is shining into all the world, and God's name is being honored as never before.

The Southern Baptist Convention, in its report on the financial policy of the Foreign Mission Board, asks for \$150,000 for the needs of the work the present year, naming the amounts each State is expected to raise. Virginia's quota is \$21,000, Georgia and Kentucky \$18,000 each, South Carolina \$13,800, Maryland \$13,200, and Alabama \$10,800, about half as much as Virginia. These amounts, it is claimed, can be easily raised, if systematic methods are inaugurated by the churches. It is recommended by the convention that the tithing system, as set forth in the Bible—of giving one-tenth of our income to the Lord, be adopted by every Christian. It is the contribution of the willing heart that reaches unto Heaven, and not the *amount* given, as many think. Paul, in his letter to the church at Corinth, says: Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him. (1 Cor. 16-2.) If this injunction is carried out now, the needs of the boards will be met.

Respectfully submitted,

GASTON J. ROBERTSON, Committee.

The report was discussed by G. J. Robertson, J. R. Newel, E. O. Fowlkes, J. J. Taylor and D. R. Cooper, and adopted.

30. The Report on Apportionment was read as follows, by J. J. Taylor, Chairman, and adopted :

1. We feel unable to determine what sums different churches ought to contribute to Christian enterprises, but we are persuaded that all ought to take some part in every good work. In order to secure concert of action, we recommend that the time for collections be designated as follows : September and October, for the Orphanage ; November and December, for Ministerial Education ; January and February, for Home Missions ; March and April, for Foreign Missions ; May and June, for State Missions ; July and August, for Associational Work.

2. We recommend that all money for these objects be sent to the Treasurer of the Executive Committee in Mobile.

3. We further recommend that the Executive Committee be instructed to remind churches of these recommendations, and to correspond with or visit churches that become delinquent in the matters herein contained, and endeavor to secure the sympathetic and practical co-operation of every church in our bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. TAYLOR, Chairman.

31. The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted :

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—E. O. Fowlkes, R. L. Maupin, W. P. Roberts, J. N. Pollard, S. R. Oliphant, Gaston J. Robertson, Wm. Newell, E. R. Quattlebaum, G. T. Litchfield, R. S. Dickin, Joseph Arnett, A. M. Thompson and W. J. Young.

DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION — W. A. Alexander, D. R. Cooper, J. M. Hall, J. H. Bolton and G. T. Litchfield.

DELEGATES TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—E. O. Fowlkes. Alternates : H. H. Shell and J. C. Bush.

32. The Report on Colportage, submitted by S. L. Freeland, Chairman, was read by W. L. Cahall, as follows :

We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows :

Bro. J. M. Hall was appointed by the State Board to canvass in our bounds, but owing to lack of funds, he was discontinued.

We are not giving this great work the attention that it deserves

We heartily commend the publications of the Sunday School Board to our churches, and recommend that our schools order their supplies through the State Mission Board, J. B. Collier, Secretary of the Book Department, Montgomery, Ala.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. FREELAND, Chairman.

The report was spoken to by J. R. Newel and G. J. Robertson, and adopted.

33. G. J. Robertson read the following report on Woman's Work :

The work is very encouraging. A few societies faithfully send in their reports, and earnestly co-operate with the Central Committee. Some send in a report spasmodically, and some we have never succeeded in stimulating into interest and co-operation with us.

The one great need of our Baptist denomination is united effort, co-operation. Without it we can never accomplish great things for God. Whatsoever tends toward an awakening in our churches of systematic giving and work, should be hailed by every preacher with thankfulness, and should receive his earnest support and not his opposition. Since our last report before you, the societies have contributed to various causes

Bayou le Batre	\$215 15
Woman's Mission Society of St. Francis-Street Church	81 70
Young People's Union	45 00
Palmetto-Street Church	46 00
Ladies' Aid Society of Zion Church	49 50
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	\$437 35

LIDA B. ROBERTSON, Vice President.

After being discussed by G. J. Robertson, J. R. Newel and D. R. Cooper, it was adopted.

34. R. S. Dickin offered the following resolution, and it was adopted unanimously by a rising vote :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered, to the members of this Church and community for their generous and abundant hospitality ; to Bro. Skipper and the Methodist Church, for the use of their house of worship ; and to the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company and their courteous agents, for favors shown the members of this body.

35. The following report of the former clerk, D. W. McGaughey, was read and approved :

D. W. MCGAUGHEY, CLERK, IN ACCOUNT WITH MOBILE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Cash received August 11, 1894, from Finance Committee to Mis-	
sions, through church letters	\$22 57
Cash received for minutes, &c	30 55
Cash received from Woman's Society to Missions	9 35
Cash collected to Missions after sermon at St. Francis-St. Church	29 08
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Sent to W. B. Crumpton, S. S. M. B	\$61 00
Printing minutes, postage, statistical church letters and stationery	21 32
Cash for services	10 00
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	\$92 32

Balance due Clerk
Fraternally submitted,

D. W. MCGAUGHEY, Clerk.

36. J. J. Taylor moved that the clerk be allowed ten dollars for his services. Adopted.

37. The following report of moneys, accompanying church letters, was made by the

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

	Missions.	Minutes.
Union	\$6 60	\$3 35
Pine Grove	1 00	1 75
Bay Minette		1 50
Palmetto Street		5 00
Mount Pleasant	2 00	2 00
Shady Grove		50
Bayou le Batre		75
Zion	12 00	1 25
St. Francis Street		10 00
Bay Shore		2 00
Rethany		3 00
Total	\$21 60	\$31 10

T. W. DAVIS, Chairman.

38. The session closed by singing, and by prayer by S. L. Freeland.

EVENING SESSION.

39. The Association met at 2:30 p. m. Devotional services conducted by W. L. Cahall. Text, John 12: 3—"We Would See Jesus." Minutes were read and approved.

40. Committee on Appointments announced that religious services would be held at night in the Methodist Church, conducted by H. P. Hanson, and on Sunday morning and night, at the same church, by W. L. Cahall and H. P. Hanson.

41. It was moved that a collection for Missions be taken at Sunday morning's service, and that the amount collected be turned over to the building fund of the Bay Minette Baptist Church, to assist in completing their house of worship.

42. The Moderator announced the following standing committees to report next year:

FOREIGN MISSIONS—J. C. Bush, J. H. Bolton and A. U. Thompson.

STATE AND HOME MISSIONS—E. O. Fowlkes, G. A. Coleman and C. J. Campbell.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK—W. P. Wood, T. W. Davis and John Nelson, Jr.

TEMPERANCE—A. B. Gaston, H. S. Stackhouse and J. N. Pollard.

COLPORTAGE.—J. B. Fletcher, J. W. Roselle and H. G. Stanmyres.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—R. L. Maupin, S. L. Freeland and G. T. Litchfield.

WOMAN'S WORK—Misses Lida B. Robertson, Mollie McLean and Ava Farnell.

After felicitous speeches by many of the brethren, and benediction by Bro. H. P. Hanson, the Association adjourned, subject to the call of the Executive Committee.

W. A. ALEXANDER, Moderator.

E. R. QUATTLEBAUM, Clerk.

CHURCHES WITH WOMEN'S SOCIETIES

In Co-Operation with Woman's Missionary Union.

Bayou le Baitre—Mrs. R. Simonson, President; Miss Carrie Grady, Secretary. Zion—Mrs. M. C. Farnell, President; Miss Edna Lloyd, Secretary. Citronelle—Mrs. J. C. Coleman, President; C. E. Sumpter, Secretary. Shady Grove—Miss Edwina Turner, President; Miss Sue Stevens, Secretary. Palmetto Street—Mrs. Spear, President; Miss Laura Pugh, Secretary. St. Francis Street, Woman's Missionary Society—Mrs. L. W. Moore, President; Miss E. Moore, Secretary. Ladies' Aid—Mrs. Peter Hutchinson, President; Mrs. H. Fisk, Secretary. Union—

NOTES BY THE CLERK.

This, the Fifteenth Annual Session, was one of the best of the many good and profitable meetings held by the Association.

The regretted absence of Brethren Maupin and McGaughey, necessitated the election of a new Moderator and a new Clerk.

The handsome new church edifice, when completed by our plucky Bay Minette Baptists, will be a befitting monument to their pride in, and devotion to, the Master's cause.

Every door in Bay Minette was thrown wide open to visitors, and welcome—thrice welcome—was written on everything within.

Methodists and Baptists mingled together as Christians with Christians, and services were held alike, alternately, in each of the churches.

About the only thing to mar the meeting was the regretted absence of Bro. W. B. Crumpton, and its cause, the tragic death of his lovely little daughter.

The next meeting of the Association will be held at such time and place as may be selected by the Executive Committee.

Ordained Ministers Connected With Association.

TAYLOR, J. J., D.D	Mobile, Ala.
CAHALL, W. L	Mobile, Ala.
SHELL, H. H	Mobile, Ala.
VANE, JEAN	Mobile, Ala.
HALL, J. M	Whistler, Ala.
NORRIS, L	Shubuta, Miss.
COOPER, D. R	Whistler, Ala.
MYERS, D. S	Whistler, Ala.
JUDD, E. P. H	Whistler, Ala.
LUMBARD, J. S	St. Elmo, Ala.
THOMPSON, J. U	St. Elmo, Ala.
NEWELL, J. R	Spring Hill, Ala.
HELVESTON, F. M	Crichton, Ala.
HANSON, H. P	Gasque, Ala.
NELSON, JOS	Battle's Wharf, Ala.
J. F. BYNUM	Escatawpa, Miss.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This body shall be styled THE MOBILE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, and it shall meet annually at such time and place as may be duly determined.

ARTICLE II.

It shall be composed of all pastors within the bounds of this Association and of messengers from Baptist churches holding substantially the articles of Faith adopted by this body, at the rate of one messenger for every twenty-five members.

ARTICLE III.

We adopt as our scriptural belief the "Declaration of Faith" as published in the Baptist Church Manual by the American Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

Its object shall be, without interfering with the independence of the Churches, to concentrate Christian effort in the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom at home and abroad.

ARTICLE V.

Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall perform the usual duties of such officers. They shall be elected annually by ballot, and remain in office until their successors are elected. The offices of Clerk and Treasurer may be in one.

ARTICLE VI.

Corresponding messengers from other bodies of our Denomination shall be entitled to all privileges except voting.

ARTICLE VII.

The business of this Association shall be conducted, between its sessions, by an Executive Committee of thirteen members, appointed annually, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds belonging to the Association, and give an itemized report thereof, annually.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.

STATISTICAL.

Organized.	Name of Church.	Location.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Clerks' Office	Membership Last Report.	Increase.			Decrease.			Present Membership.	Sunday School.							
							Baptism.	Experi'ce.	Letter.	Restora'n.	Letter.	Exclusion.		Erasure.	Death.	Superintendent.	Off'rs and Teachers.	Scholars Enrolled.	A'v'ge At. tendance.	Scholars Baptized.	No. S. S. P. Taken.
1875	St. Francis St.	Mobile	J. J. Taylor	Geo. Rossen	Mobile	621	22	22	22	1	27	2	7	630	D. P. Restorant	23	290	218	10	375	
1872	Palmetto St.	Mobile	H. H. Shell	J. A. Stokes	Mobile	315	17	10	8	1	12	16	3	322	Wm. J. Young	30	290	111	7	290	
1876	Bedlam	Whistler	J. Vane	T. C. Gaston	Whistler	81	44	10	10	8	1	1	2	133	W. P. Wood	13	130	90	40	40	
1876	Zion	Mobile	J. M. Hall	J. N. Pollard	Mobile	81	1				1	1	3	82	Wm. H. Pollard	6	30	30	4	30	
1888	Shady Grove	Mobile	J. E. Bynum	W. L. Fields	Spring Hill	32	1					2		25	A. J. Hubbard	3	35	30	4	30	
1868	Union	Mobile	D. R. Cooper	G. R. Coleman	St. Elmo	71	13		1	5	4	1		83	W. L. Fields	6	52	34	13	45	
1878	St. Pleasant	Mobile	S. J. Lombard	J. A. Wright	Seminole	58								54	G. R. Coleman	5	20	14			
1886	Chronicle	Chronicle	J. D. Kisherry	S. Nelson	Chronicle	15							1	4	H. P. Hanson	5	20	20		80	
1889	Fairford	Washington Co	H. P. Hanson	H. G. Stannys	Gaspere	91								51	H. P. Hanson	5	30	20		80	
1878	Shell Banks	Baldwin Co	J. M. Hall	Chas. Hall	Bay Minette	69	5			1	1	1	2	63	G. J. Campbell	7	80	60	1	100	
1881	Bay Shore	Baldwin Co	J. M. Hall	Chas. Hall	Bay Minette	31								40	L. L. Arnett	12	56	35		63	
1881	Bayon le Baure	Mobile Co	D. R. Cooper	J. L. Arnett	Bay Shore	46								36							
1891	Pine Grove	Mobile Co	J. E. Branson	G. H. Sumrall	Whistler	40			2		2	4		15	1617		108	953	612	38	976
Brook Creek, Baldwin county, H. P. Hanson, Pastor.—Church edifice destroyed by fire, has no place to hold service.																					
Warren-St. Mission Sunday School (Trinity St.)—Officers and teachers, S; scholars, 57; average attendance, 31; Superintendent, John E. Patterson, Mobile, Ala.																					
Red Bud, Washington County (Pratt St.)—Officers and teachers, S; scholars, 57; average attendance, 31; Superintendent, John E. Patterson, Mobile, Ala.																					

Brook Cedar, Baldwin County, H. P. Hanson, Pastor—(church edifice destroyed by fire, has no place to hold service.
Warren-St. Mission Sunday School (Palmetto Street)—Officers and teachers, 8; scholars, 87; average attendance, 34; Superintendent, John E. Paterson, Mobile, Ala.
Red Bud, Washington County—Dismissed by letter to join the Antioch Association.

FINANCIAL.

Churches.	Church Expenses.	Sunday School Expenses.	Pastor's Salary.	Foreign Missions.	Home and Indian Missions.	State Missions	Ministerial Education.	Money raised by S. School.	Woman's Society.	Baptist Orphanage.	Minutes.	Total.	Church Property.			
													Houses of Worship.	Value.	Sittings.	Total Value of Property.
St. Francis Street	\$1,184.08		\$2,400.00	\$1,157.25	\$315.00	\$744.80	\$175.96	\$281.71	\$447.00	\$24.50	\$10.00	\$6,521.83	1	\$50,000.00	800	\$60,000.00
Palmetto Street	206.00		900.00	25.00	36.85	15.75		89.93			5.00	1,493.03	1	8,000.00	500	8,000.00
Bedlam	742.45				6.00	7.22				8.11	3.00	765.78	1	2,500.00	100	2,500.00
Zion	37.00		87.87	6.00	6.00	6.00		4.50	45.50		2.75	199.62	1	1,300.00	300	1,300.00
Shady Grove	1.85	2.87	55.20						22.00		3.00	82.42	1	500.00	250	500.00
Union	4.65	6.00	91.59	1.45	1.45	5.00		5.40			1.85	120.99	1	525.00	250	525.00
St. Pleasant	2.75		29.77	60	4.48	6.20	1.95	40.36	20.00		2.00	103.36	1	200.00	300	200.00
Chronicle													0	1,000.00	300	1,000.00
Fairford														600.00	225	600.00
Shell Banks	200.00		45.08					20.00			1.50	205.58	1	1,000.00	250	1,000.00
Bay Minette								12.00			2.00	205.58	1	1,000.00	250	1,000.00
Bay Shore				5.00				15.87	200.65	1.00	1.75	282.57	1	500.00	150	500.00
Bayon le Baure												2.75	1	250.00	100	250.00
Pine Grove	\$2,627.78	\$8.87	\$3,624.81	\$1,197.30	\$570.28	\$788.57	\$177.91	\$472.80	\$499.15	\$33.61	\$31.10	\$9,832.18	13	\$66,375.00	1025	\$76,375.00

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